he was nervous !), spoiled the end of the play by failing to ring down the curtain, at which the laughter was immoderate ! Janauschek used to do a little sketch from the German called " Come Here ! " which I afterwards did in England.

In November 1901 I wrote in my diary: " *Philadelphia.* —Supper at Henry's. Jefferson there, sweeter and more interesting than ever—and younger."

Dear Joe Jefferson—actor, painter, courteous gentleman, *profound* student of Shakespeare! When the Bacon-Shakespeare controversy was raging in America (it really *did* rage there !) Jefferson wrote the most delicious doggerel about it. He ridiculed, and his ridicule killed the Bacon enthusiasts all the more dead because it was barbed with erudition.

He said that when I first came into the box to see him as " Rip " he thought I did not like him, because I fidgeted and rustled and moved my place, as is rny wicked way. [11] But I'll get her, and I'll hold her," he said to himself. *I was held indeed—enthralled.

In manner Jefferson was a little like Xorman Forbes-Robertson. Perhaps that was why the two took such a fancy to each other. When Norman was walking with Jefferson one day, some one who met them said :

" Your son ? "

*' No$_a$" said Jefferson, " but I wish he were ! The young man has such good manners !"

Our first American tours were in 1883 and 1884; the third in 1887-88, the year of the great blizzard. Henry

fetched us at half-past ten in the morning! His hotel was near the theatre where we were to play at night He said the weather was stormy, and we had better make for his hotel while there was time! The German actor Ludwig Barnay was to open in New York that night, but